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CHLORHEXIDINE FREE BASE AND SALT

REPLY

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Sir:

Applicants file this Reply to the October 2, 2006 non-final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A reply is due January 3, 2007 (January 2, 2007 falling on a Federal Holiday). Thus, this Reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

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